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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the attached document, which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

The attached document is a translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) for International Application No. PCT/JP2003/008020, which corresponds to the above-identified U.S. Application No. 10/511,098.

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